

Journal

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1. The House Committee on Post Office & Civil Service reported out H.R. 7219, the Federal Executive Pay Act of 1955. This bill places the salary of the DCI at \$22,000 per annum, in the category with the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and the Director of the FBI. The salary of the DDCI is established at \$20,000 per annum, together with the Assistant Comptroller General, the Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the Under Secretaries of Army, Navy and Air Force, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and Deputy Under Secretaries of State.

2. I talked with Cong. Ford at some length concerning the CIA building, as he is one of the Conferees. He stated that there was some talk among the House Conferees favoring Alexandria and had heard a rumor that Mr. Taber was included among this group. I was preceded into Mr. Ford's office by Mr. Neel and Mr. DuVal, who were lobbying against the Langley location.

3. The Conferees on the Supplemental Appropriations bill have authorized \$3,000,000 for planning purposes, \$350,000 for a site and \$500,000 for preliminary planning purposes and use in connection with the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

4. [REDACTED] FE Division, informed me that the Navy have received a request from Chairman Engle of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for some detailed information [REDACTED]

5. I have handed to Mr. King, Assistant to the Vice President, a letter addressed to the Vice President from Guatemala which was sent to the United States for mailing and came into the hands of a contact of ours for forwarding to the Vice President. The letter is interesting in that the Vice President's office will call it to our attention.

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6. Col. White and I talked with Mr. Hewitt at the suggestion of Senator Saltonstall to try to make certain that the language of the Conference Report would be satisfactory. Mr. Hewitt said he would try to be as helpful as possible although the actual report writing was in the hands of the House. The Conferees agreed to strike out all the language of the Senate Appropriations Committee so that the Appropriations Act would read --

"For the preparation of detail plans and specifications of a Central Intelligence Agency headquarters installation and for other purposes as authorized by Title IV of the Act of July 15, 1955 (P.L. 161), to remain available until expended \$3,500,000."

It was then intended that the report should control the expenditure by stating that the \$500,000 was for planning for the Parkway extension and, if not used \$350,000, would be available for acquisition of a site. We pointed out to Mr. Hewitt, and I subsequently explained to Sen. Saltonstall, that it would be helpful to have the report authorize the acquisition of rights of way if we determined to go to Langley. Sen. Saltonstall stated that that was his intention that we can survey and acquire land, etc., and I told him that this would be fine provided the specific language of the report did not foreclose such acquisition. He stated that he would try to make certain that it did not foreclose any such action. He gave as his opinion that the Committee wished to leave the decision to us and that if it were affirmative for Langley we would be able to go ahead once plans had been completed.

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